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Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Current Announcements

Web site

As part of the departmentwide revision of the DESE Web site, the Library Media Centers Web site now has a new look. You are encouraged to go to <http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/lmc/> to view the new design.

Communication model

In the past, DESE has attempted to maintain an e-mail list of all media specialists in the state. Because of time limitations and other responsibilities, we have elected to borrow the communication model used by Missouri's school guidance counselors for the past six years.

Each August, all 523 school districts are required to submit contact information to DESE on Core Data screen No. 3 for various areas. The

initial copy of the Digest will be sent to the library/media contact submitted by the district. We are asking each district's library/media contact to help us keep others informed by forwarding the newsletter to all media specialists, clerical support, administrators and whomever might benefit from the information contained within. If you have difficulties in doing this, contact Michelle Garnett by e-mail at michelle.garnett@dese.mo.gov.

Also, we have posted the contact (name only) for each school district on the Library Media Centers Web site. You will find this list under *About Library Media Centers* and then *Communications*. This way you will know who is receiving the Digest in your district. (Please note that the contact may be switched at any time
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Professional Opportunities

In each Digest, this section will promote opportunities for you to get more involved in your profession. Taking part in these events enriches professional growth; we encourage you to reach out and participate.

- **Readers/Selectors for the Show Me Readers Award:** Stephanie Hoos, chair for the Show Me Committee, is soliciting individuals to serve as readers for the Show Me Readers Award. She needs approximately 50 readers. The application is at <http://maslonline.org> and includes her address and fax number. Applications should be sent to Hoos directly. Contact her at stephanie.hoos@jcps.k12.mo.us.
- **Missouri Association of School Librarians (MASL) Member Satisfaction Survey:** MASL is asking individuals to complete an online survey. Click on the link at the MASL Web site or go directly to the survey at <http://www.ucmo.edu/surveys/library/masl.htm>.
- The **MASL Fall Seminar** will be Saturday, Oct. 25 at Lewis and Clark Middle School in
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Professional Opportunities (Continued)

Jefferson City. Registration begins at 8 a.m. A continental breakfast and lunch are included; sign up early to get the best price.

The keynote speaker is Nancy Polette, whose topic, "Reading is a Four Way Stretch," is a fun look at four unique thinking processes that determine who we are. Find out why reading tastes vary, along with titles to suit each thinking mode. Discover easy-to-use whole brain strategies that promote reading and learning. An author and Legacy Award winner, Polette will also present workshops during each of the breakout sessions titled 1) "Nonfiction in the Primary Grades" and 2) "Luring Readers with Improvisation and Readers Theatre."

The seminar will also have workshops on collaboration, readers awards and Department of Conservation educational resources for all grades. Go to the MASL Web site at <http://maslonline.org> for more details and registration information.

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by changing the data on screen No. 3 of Core Data.)

For private schools and library educators, a list of individuals who would like to receive the Digest will be maintained. E-mail Michelle Garnett at michelle.garnett@dese.mo.gov to have your name added.

During this first year, the Digest will hopefully be at least bimonthly.

2008 Standards for Missouri School Library Media Centers

Thanks to Lisa Walters and the 2008 Standards Committee, we now have new and updated standards. The booklet has been posted on the Library Media Centers Web site (click the button at the bottom of the page). You are encouraged to download and print the 44-page document. Please note particular changes in the areas of 1) combining of reference and nonfiction for reporting purposes, 2) average age of a fiction collection, 3) periodical collection, and 4) electronic resources. One printed copy will be sent to the library/media contact in each district. Additional copies may be requested by e-mailing michelle.garnett@dese.mo.gov.

We are available to do workshops on the standards as time permits. If you are organizing a regional meeting, a group of small school districts, a meeting for a large district, etc., contact Michelle Garnett about scheduling. We will also present on the 2008 standards at the MASL Spring Conference.



Summer Reading Program

In cooperation with the Missouri State Library, school libraries have received manuals for the Summer Library Program during the past several years. DESE hopes to continue this, but the amount of manuals sent out will be scaled back. We welcome feedback on the manuals and how they are utilized.

Information Literacy Grade Level Expectations (GLEs)

DESE will be updating the Information Literacy GLEs this school year. A committee will be organized with an initial meeting planned for October. We will share information on this process as it progresses.

MSIP Fifth Cycle

Preliminary work on the standards and indicators for Fifth Cycle MSIP has begun. We will be looking at both the resource standards and process standards that involve library/media services. By law, the Fifth Cycle MSIP standards and indicators must be approved in 2009. Input is always appreciated.

DESE News

Over the summer, the Library Media Centers section at DESE was relocated to a new unit called Education Support Services. Included in this unit are 1) Library Media Centers, 2) Instructional Technology, 3) Gifted Education and 4) MoVIP – Missouri Virtual Instruction Program. The following information will tell you a little about who will be assisting you this year:

Curt Fuchs, coordinator for Education Support Services

Curt Fuchs joined DESE in the summer of 2006 as director of the Missouri Virtual Instruction Program. Fuchs will continue his work with MoVIP and will also serve as the consultant for library media services. He has a master's degree in library science from the University of Missouri as well as a doctorate in curriculum and instruction. Fuchs was high school librarian in Chillicothe, media specialist at Hickman High School and director of media services in Columbia before retiring in 2006. He is a past president of MASL and has worked in many capacities in the professional areas of school libraries and technology services.

Audria Roettgen, data analysis

Audria Roettgen joined DESE in July 2008. She is responsible for collecting and reporting data for the MoVIP program as well as for libraries. You might find her answering the telephone when you call.

Michelle Garnett, administrative assistant

Michelle Garnett joined DESE in August 2008. She is responsible for the operation of office functions – most likely, she will be available to take your questions when you call.

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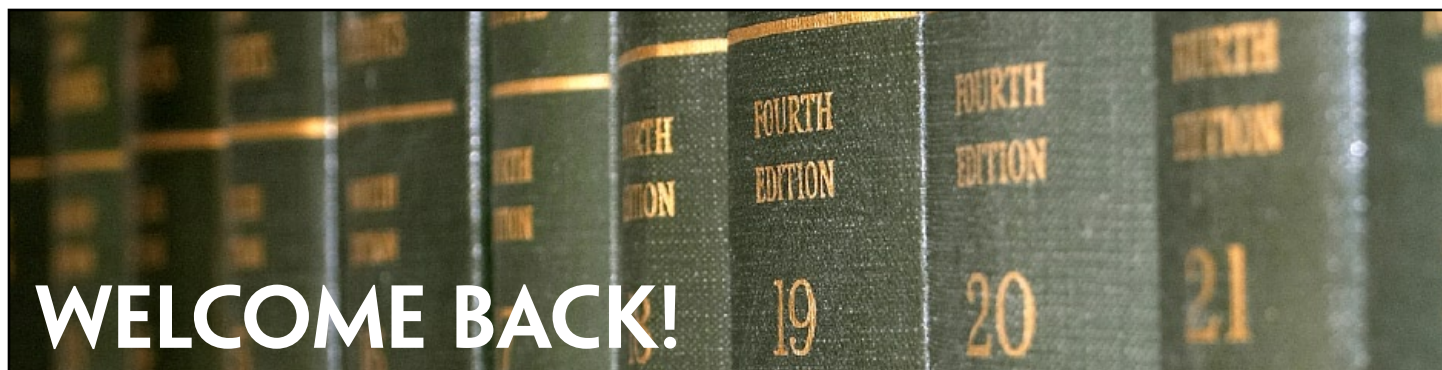
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